

Art Notes

Schotz Shows New Style

ANTON Schotz was once called an opera singer. "Why not?" he replied, "but only an opera with logical lyrics." What's a logical lyric? The answer, Schotz says, is something, and the other does it.

By the same token, the recent works of Anton Schotz, whose exhibition was opened last Saturday at the Bezalel Museum, could be called "opera with logical lyrics." These sketches are in reinforced concrete and are a large extent, "opera" compositions, but all the compositionally essential "notes" are most cleverly developed out of the movement of the slender figures. They are light and graceful, even in the style of a new material which, organically employed, allows the sculptor new and daring solutions, but in the style of a reinforced concrete gives to the architect. The "Reading Nude with Child" or "Adam and Eve" will be understood by anyone who has seen Schotz's work. The sculptures, when completed, will be a masterpiece of modern sculpture. While we were most impressed by these recent works which border on the semi-abstract, it is probable that many visitors are more attracted by the earlier statuary which shows Schotz as a truly competent sculptor. Schotz was born in 1901, but in conversation he impresses one as a young man. This impression is borne out by the fact that this sculptor, who is now in his thirties, is so completely and so successfully.

Bezalel Exhibits

"EXHIBIT of the Month" for January is a portrait of the philosopher Hermann Cohen by Max Lieberman. Painted in 1913, this portrait shows Lieberman at the zenith of his noble art. It is a masterpiece of impressionism.

An exhibition "The Bible, the Fantastic and the Tragic in Picasso," is again drawn from the museum's inexhaustible stores. The trifold theme is a tall order. One could have easily devoted an exhibition of the collection to either the fantastic, the fantastic or the tragic. Still, the exhibition offers a plenitude of precious prints that offer a review in this content. The question whether a museum in Jerusalem, a capital so poor in art galleries, should devote most of its changeable exhibition space to educational display of its own treasures, or to the presentation of contemporary artists, remains open to discussion.

A small show of African folk art introduces valuable additions to the exotic side of the collection. The exhibition is drawn from South Africa and from the Folk Art Museum in Lorenzo Marques. It is wonderful that we have friends in such distant lands...

Had Gadya

HAD GADYA (Maruzza Hermon) was one of the first pupils of Boris Schatz at the Bezalel School. Traces of this school academic training are visible in her work. Had Gadya, as she wanted to, could be a sound painter of pretty realistic portraits and flower pieces. However, her ambition is in other directions. There are landscapes, conceived in the pseudo-primitive fashion of an Israeli Grandmother, and still life that take their cue from Van Gogh. The majority of Had Gadya's pictures are painted in a pointillist technique which, despite the basic tenet of Pointillism, namely to use prismatic colors in certain places, when seen from a certain distance, the human eye combines into local color. Had Gadya, with all her thousands of spots of mixed colors, only succeeds in creating a

Radio Review

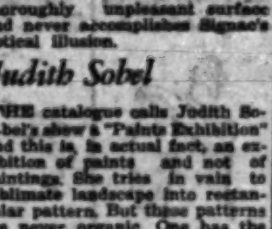
Shamir and Hemingway

GALE Zahal last week produced several interesting programs. On Tuesday, it broadcast the first of a series of radio plays, "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. The central character is Alexander Yama, and as a Hemingway story, it is very successful. A great effort has obviously been made with the production, the first installment of which included introductions by the author, Ernest Hemingway, and incidental music specially composed by Emanuel Amichai. The first part was not wholly satisfactory as it lacked tension. It was essentially an adaptation of a book and the participants occasionally sounded as if they were reading from

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Girls Adjust to Army Life

By Lisa Loewenberg

MOST parents, even those who accept the emancipation of their daughters, face the prospect of their daughters joining the Army with something bordering on fear. They dread the discipline which it entails and feel hesitant about the dubious effects which life in a military camp may have on their children.

It is obvious that some of this reluctance to let the girls join up is due to the possessive instinct of parents which, instinctively, object to their leaving home and becoming independent. The same reluctance is not as marked in most cases when it is the son who joins the Army. A visit to one of the army camps where the recruits are accommodated, would serve to dispel many of these fears and suspicions. The first impression you get when you enter the camp is one of orderliness and discipline. On our way to the commander's office — she is, naturally, a woman, with service in the Palmach and the British Army, as well as the Israel Army of Defence — we met groups of girls on their way to the swimming-pool, which is reserved for them on certain days every week. If anything, their marching might have been more impressive and showed the effects of the lack of physical training in our schools.

Along the way we saw the barracks, housing rows of neat and well-arranged cots which, as a matter of fact, we came upon a group which had been called the army life more complicated than the rest. They were nearly all graduates of secondary schools, some quite good and well-acquainted to taking care of their own things and tending a room.

Must Do Own Chores. The first thing that was one of the chief obstacles in the way of adjustment to army life. Girls are expected to keep clean without assistance, wash their hair as well as their belongings, iron, and make their beds. It is surprising how many of them are incapable of doing these simple chores and need help from the instructors, some scarcely older than themselves.

When you are talking with the recruits themselves — many of them had not been in the Army more than a fortnight — the usual remark is "Well, it is fun, but things are pretty different from home. You grow up."

If you ask them what is the most difficult part of army school life, at least frankly, admit it is: "having no one around who does the washing, ironing and cleaning."

Training camps, though inside a general camp, are run by girls only. It is only for hard physical work that boys are called on.

Everything is in the girls' hands, cooking, administration, training, discipline. The difference between the instructors and the new recruits is marked and perhaps the best indication of the changes wrought by army life.

These girls are only a year or two older than the new recruits, but they speak with greater assurance, wear their uniforms with self-confidence and often a natural ease, and like to pose for their charges who do not even know how to make their beds properly. They look as if they could get by everywhere, not only in the Army, and this is what their commander claims.

"The failure of a training ground for future citizens," she says. "Besides we try to make the girls spend most weeks in the Army, their military home."

She proudly pointed at a heap of letters from girls all over the country who turned to her for advice whether to take a course



The girls on parade on Independence Day.

or leave it, have themselves transferred or not.

The Army claims that the girls learn the importance of independence, their bodies are developed, and their sense of comradeship furthered. Their training, as such, is not excessively hard, and unlike that of boys, considerably easier than that of the boys. The hours on duty are no longer than a usual working day. There is drill, physical training, swimming, lectures and cultural activities to fill the day. The girls start early and have a break at lunch time. Food is simple but sufficient.

Office Jobs. Most of the girls are posted to offices and administrative jobs later, and it is here that criticism begins. They complain less of the training than of the year loss. Those who want to study suffer a setback in their plans, and girls who want to choose an academic career are more seriously handicapped than boys, although their period of service is shorter. Girls seem less interested of late in the possibility of continuing their studies immediately after they have completed school, as this year means a postponement of military service. If they wait until they have finished service they are at least 20 at which age most of them think of founding a family and not of starting a long academic course.

However, the main objection is that the girls do not feel that their work is needed and they suffer from the awareness that they are kept busy for the sake of giving them something to do. The year of training is a year of adjustment to a new life, and tends to undo some of the beneficial effects which army service might otherwise have had on them.

Early Marriage Problem

By Dr. Herman Feinzel

WHY should two young people who are deeply in love, who know each other really well, and who feel that they know what they are doing, be discouraged from getting married only because their elders feel that they have not yet reached the right age? The young people involved invariably ask why experts on marriage problems back such a seemingly unreasonable claim.

My answer is that the criterion of the readiness for marriage is what we call emotional maturity. While the passage of time tends to bring us all progressively nearer to this important goal, some people reach it earlier than others. I think that many couples who marry young are mature enough to select suitable partners and to embark on the mutual adjustments of married life. The fact that they are young

is not a factor to be taken into account in establishing their marital relationship. Moreover, I am of the opinion that the freedom which young people in Israel enjoy today (some would say an exaggerated freedom) helps to bring them to emotional maturity earlier.

I agree that statistics in Israel and all over the world show that early marriages are particularly unstable. But statistics are misleading. Too often early marriages are due to an unhappy home life or to personal difficulties from which young people want to escape. Such persons would likely be doomed to failure in marriage no matter how long they waited.

We cannot affirm, I think, that one action or another of our youth will fail if it marries early. In the course of time we shall be able to tell with more accuracy, which side is right in this controversy.

Penicillin Anniversary

By a Medical Correspondent

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, Sir Alexander Fleming published the first report of his discovery of penicillin. The January issue of "The Practitioner," just published, is largely devoted to a symposium on the present status and usage of this drug.

In 1945, world production of penicillin was about five tons, most of it in the United States. Last year, 300 tons were produced in Britain and the United States alone. It was the first of the antibiotics — substances derived from living micro-organisms — which have become active against other micro-organisms. Since the war, a whole galaxy of antibiotics has appeared, but penicillin remains the cheapest, the most widely used, and in many ways the safest of them.

Nevertheless, the symposium gives a good deal of attention to the snags and problems — rather than the advantages — of penicillin and other antibiotics. For, as the contributors write, "as a new antibiotic comes into widespread use the dangers of bacterial resistance will tend to increase."

Hyper-sensitive patients will also be more common, in whom the effects of treatment may be more serious than the original disease. It is therefore becoming more and more necessary for the doctor...

Snug Pantalons

According to women army commanders, the happiness of a girl in the Army and her usefulness depends on her pre-Army education, and also on her mother's attitude while she is serving. Many parents telephone at all hours of the day and the night, send parcels to their daughters, and would like to come and do their chores for them if only they could. Nearly all want them to get a job near a big town, if possible one that allows them to sleep at home. Thus, they themselves keep their daughters dependent and prevent them from benefiting from army life.

One of the causes of these negative phenomena is insufficient contact with parents due to overwork on the part of officers concerned. Parents' meetings would be welcome, and regular visits should be arranged. Parents should be called during the year preceding their daughters' service to familiarize themselves with the army pattern of life. More film material and general information would help remove some of the worst fears of over-cautions parents.

For the Too Slim

THE very slim women have been complaining that nothing is ever written in the beauty columns on how to gain weight. Most magazines are full of advice on how to take it off. They are right, for more women have to reduce, especially this winter, than to put on weight.

For those consistently underweight, lack of appetite and wrong combinations and choice of foods is usually responsible. A diet of, of course, that there is nothing wrong with your health. Not enough relaxation and leisure at mealtimes is another possible reason.

Force yourself to take a leisurely breakfast, even if you have to get up a little earlier. Drink a glass of fruit juice first thing on the table. Breathe deeply for several minutes before an open window and then take a shower or rubdown with tepid water. Dress, and only then eat all day long. Breakfast should consist of cereal, egg, butter or margarine, rolls or toast, marmalade or jam — and a glass of milk.

Drink milk as a beverage for lunch and supper. If possible, also as a mid-morning snack with biscuits or crackers and butter. Six glasses of milk a day will certainly help you gain weight, and will do lots of good for your complexion as well.

The "superstition" is also recommended: Add one teaspoonful of sugar to your morning tea, daily until you reach ten — then go down again to two.

Don't eat soup, they only fill your stomach, but instead add green salads to balance a diet rich in proteins.

When possible, rest for at least 10 minutes after every meal.

Don't waste your energy by fidgeting and fanning, and relax your body and nerves as often and as much as possible.

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to ask himself whether antibiotic treatment is really needed and if necessary to explain his hesitation to the patient.

Strains of staphylococcus micro-organisms, among other things, for many kinds of septic infection — which have become penicillin resistant, are a particular problem nowadays, especially in maternity wards. In his introduction to the symposium, Sir Alexander Fleming writes: "In hospital it is reported that over half the staphylococci isolated are penicillin resistant, but among the general populace outside of hospitals the proportion is much less. He adds, however: 'After these years of selection, we can say that there is not going to be a general development of resistant organisms, but penicillin remains the most effective drug in many infections.'"

Some of the newer antibiotics such as chlorotetracycline ("sumycin") are effective against staphylococci, but have seen military service considerable space in discussing the side-effects — allergic reactions, destruction of the normal flora of the intestine with a risk of "super-infection," etc. — which are not with all of these drugs.

Sir Alexander, now 74, retired last year and has been as director of the Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology at St. Mary's Hospital, London. But he will continue his research on immunization against infection.

(CONTR.)

There is no acceptable reason why we in Israel have only such a small number of vegetables and why pot herbs are identical with parsley and dill (mistakenly called shomer).

We could easily grow a much larger number of desirable vegetables, such as mustard and cress, in a small area. Many of the herbs, such as mustard and cress, may be grown in shallow boxes or on terraces or indoors, as they need little space.

Garden cress (*Leptidium sativum*, sholim or sholaimin) is a small annual herb of the mustard family (*Cruciferae-mustilidae*), which is mentioned in the Mishna (Maz 4:5) and after which, according to the Talmud, a village was named because cress was abundant there. Garden cress is still cultivated by the Israel's fellahin.

When full grown, cress attains a height of approximately 15-20 cms. and blooms with small white flowers. Its leaves have a pleasant, somewhat pungent taste and are used for garnishes. It may also be served with other vegetables on sandwiches. Special kinds of cress, with curled or crisped leaves, are very attractive as a garnish.

Cress may be sown from fall to spring, but is best sown in the garden, in drills 10 cms. apart and one cm. deep.

When sown indoors in boxes, the seeds are scattered over the surface of the soil, or in drills 10 cms. apart and one cm. deep.

The box is kept in a shady place, a piece of black plastic is laid across the top of the box till germination begins, which is usually after three or four days. A fine-meshed watering-can (one with a fine nozzle) is used for sprinkling them lightly.

When the leaves are approximately 10-15 cms. long they may be cut with scissors, for use in salads. Leave three to five cms. of the upper parts of the plant, so that the cress grows again from its base and you have two or more additional yields.

Mustard (*Brassica*) is used and grown in a similar way, but the leaves may also be cooked as a spinach.

Both mustard and cress can be ready for salads in three weeks from sowing.

Mustard and cress can also be grown on a layer of cotton wool on plates. It is ready for use after 10-14 days when the seedlings are only 3-4 cms. high. Delightful mixed together for sandwiches. Re-sow in two week intervals.

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Surrounded at a London Hotel press reception shortly after arrival in England from an Italian honeymoon are Audrey Hepburn, the screen star, and her Hollywood film star husband Mel Ferrer. In their first visit since their marriage three months ago, and both hope to make a film in Britain. Audrey Hepburn is British but left England to act on the New York stage. The film "Roman Holiday" raised her to an international star. Express Photo

Diary of a Housewife

By Hadassah Bat Haim

WHEN I lived in a city with a million inhabitants, I often used to think it would be nice to get away from the noise and live in a peaceful little village. It is happening, the noise was only theoretical, as we lived in a cold-war lined with trees, where motor vehicles came seldom and the din of traffic was muted and far off. The loudest noise there was the cawing of crows in the next door's copper beech. I feel strongly that the time has come for this "quiet countryside" myth to be exploded. There are, in the quiet night around our isolated house, a variety of noises which could compete with the cawing of the sea on the rocks.

First, there are the two crows, one under the west window of my bedroom and one under the north, who carry on a marathon conversation from dusk to dawn about nothing in particular. They are probably training to be filibusters. Then there is the donkey, as far as I know, there is no donkey rearer than half a mile, but this one must have an exceptionally powerful about. Also he suffers from insomnia.

Shattered Lives. Then there are the poultry. Hitherto leading a sheltered life among bricks and mortar and culling my knowledge of the country from novels by Mary Webb, I was under the illusion that crows cawed at dawn. This is utterly false. Poultry and others have gravely misled the public in this matter. Even nursery rhymes conspire to deceive the innocent. Actually, crows are liable to caw at any time of the day or night. In fact, creatures — someone ought to tell them.

Another contribution to the chorus comes from the dogs. This is a very noisy neighborhood. No house is without its howler. Across the road, the latest litter was mine, and further along there are 36 at present. None of them can compare, in voice, with our own Hamlet, the melancholy Dane.

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The Secret of the Woman next door....

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THE decision of the Histadrut to appoint a 21-man committee to try to secure a reduction of the price of a consumer's producer and consumer will be welcomed as an indispensable weapon in the struggle to pay wages as they are; but even if it is attained there still remain serious deficiencies in our general shopping conditions in Israel which are not beyond remedy.

The faults are reflected from time to time in letters such as that from a reader to these columns earlier this week, in which she complained she was charged considerably more than the authorized price for a carp because it was bigger.

Thruva answered that the price per kilo was IL1.500 regardless of size. In this case the customer was able to get some information at least out of a reputable marketing organization. What redress could follow it is difficult to say at the moment, though the machinery undoubtedly exists.

This complaint is but one of the thousands which multiply all over the country, and when taken in conjunction with the great number of small inefficient and insanitary shops, with the dearth of skilled shop assistants, and a general lack of retail standards in so many instances, it will be realized that there is a real consumer's problem in Israel.

The suggestion is often made that the answer is a buyers' strike on the part of housewives; but this is not practicable since so great a percentage of the average household budget is spent on food. Nor is it easy to change one's shop; rations are "linked," and in any case there is very little alternative in most neighborhoods, while the lack of delivery service compounds the overburdened housewife to shop nearest home.

What consumers' strikes there have been in the past have been very localized and have shown that they cannot hope to succeed without a strong organization behind them. But in any case the remedy does not lie in this direction but rather in a general, radical overhaul of retail standards. The latest reports indicate that the growth of co-operatives is exercising an increasingly healthy influence on shopping standards and Z'vranhivot are in general gaining a reputation for modernity, service and quality of goods. The Union of Cooperatives stated on Wednesday that it is hoped in 1955 to open a hundred new co-operatives providing for 12,000 families. But they still do not serve the whole population and as the Histadrut meeting which discussed problems of prices on Wednesday shows, there are still a number of problems to be tackled even in this field.

The shopkeepers of all kinds are organized, are capable of exercising pressure on government departments, not always in the interests of the consumer, and have not shown by their past record much awareness of the fundamental principle of retail trade in enlightened countries that the customer must enjoy prior consideration above all else.

The only answer to the problem would seem to be the formation of strong consumers' organizations, which would frame the type of regulations and legislation necessary to the drawing up of a Consumers' Charter. It might be expected that responsible bodies like the Union of Cooperatives would encourage such an organization; there is certainly a field here for exploitation by the great women's organizations in Israel, which have blazed so many important trails in the improvement of women's living conditions in this country.

Museum Named For Emanuel Rotstein

RAMAT GAN, Thursday.—The cornerstone of a museum to be named for Emanuel Rotstein, an armistice who fell during the siege of Jerusalem, was laid in Ramat Gan, near Beit Shimon, today.

The building, which will also serve as a school, will be erected by Rotstein's family, on a plot donated by the Municipality.

The American Scene

Ike Asserts Himself

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (OFN).—IN recent months, much has been written about the emergence of President Eisenhower as the most powerful man in the world, rather than as a naive and confused giant therein. His firm delineation of the necessity of "containment" between East and West, his cautious and temperate response to China's recent provocative acts, have established to the satisfaction of most observers in Washington that the President is becoming his own Foreign Minister.

Equally, his recent decision to reduce the strength of the American armed forces in favor of greater emphasis on new weapons, and a new manpower reserve programme, though much more open to criticism, illustrate the way in which he is taking control of strategic policy. In the past week or so, there has been evidence that the President is asserting himself in another important aspect of his office—as a politician and as the leader of the Republican Party. In the first place, it is clear that the President has realized that the two great American parties are not homogeneous. The Republican Party is not the kind he first learned to identify through his experience in Europe, and that any attempt to base his legislative programme solely on the support of his own Republican Party is doomed to failure because on every issue except winning an election it speaks with two very irreconcilable voices. That he now realizes that a President must himself depend on a coalition of like-minded Republicans and Democrats in Congress is shown by the fact that he has officially stated that he intends to give first priority, in the 84th Congress, to the liberalization of American foreign economic and trade policy. This had failed to pass through Congress because the President was not prepared to use this coalition to outwit and overcome the diehard protectionists in the Republican Party whose formal support he at that time thought was all-important. Now, assisted by the fact that the Democrats, who are almost solidly behind him on this issue, have a slight majority and therefore control of the committee in both Chambers, he is prepared to disregard the protectionists in his own party. The second place, there are indications that he has decided that he must take an active hand in reshaping the Republican Party as a moderate, progressive party which is not in a permanent minority and in strengthening the influence of its liberal or moderate wing both at the Congressional and the State level.

A series of confidential confabulations have recently been held to this purpose in the White House, and it is expected that Party patronage, and the smile of "Ike's" benign countenance, will go only to those who support him on such consistently progressive issues as trade and foreign policy.

Finally, and as a corollary of this decision, President Eisenhower is no longer doing anything to discourage the idea that he will run for office again in 1960. Whether he really will or

not is a different matter; there are no signs that he has overdone his clear preference for retirement to his farm in Pennsylvania on the expiration of his term. But in all probability, the pressure on him, created by the knowledge that he alone can hold the White House for the Republic, will be so great that he will run for President. The point is that by following this course, he is encouraging the idea, and permitting his entourage actively to encourage it, that he is worth while to the moderate Republicans to take greater risks in supporting him, and at the same time weakens the ability of the Right-wing to oppose him. If the Republican Party were headed for certain defeat in 1960, Senators like McCarthy, Jenner and Walver would be strengthened in their intransigence. As long as the immensely popular figure of President Eisenhower remains at the head of the Party, it is its insurance of continued power, and as the horrified Republicans by the Right-wing Republicans to dissociate themselves from Senator McCarthy's recent attack on an environment, these Republicans must, for the sake of their own local political support, limit their attacks on the President to a rather tame outright opposition.

Quiet, Please
As the United States becomes ever day more technologically advanced, so it becomes progressively noisier. The high-pitched whine of an engine, the pounding of machine tools, the roar of agricultural machinery, even the incessant rumble of the domestic refrigerator, are paying increasing attention to means of quietening and muffling industrial noise. There is now a new profession in the United States called "acoustical consultants" who advise companies on methods of quietening the din in their factories. The manufacturers of mechanical materials, porous panels of mineral or glass fibre, are doing about six times as much business as they were ten years ago. It is estimated that the American acoustic industry will spend \$50m. dollars or more on noise insulating materials.

"It says in a city where it is forbidden to drive on certain streets and where the house numbers are completely meaningless, the least the Jerusalem Municipality can do is provide a way of access to the purchase of maps, theodolites and slide rules."

Arms Cache Story Told

THE arms acquired for the defense of the Yishuv during World War I and thereafter were to be stored away in secret hideouts, and the members of the "Hashomer" organization decided to make a cache at Kfar Giladi for this purpose. Zvi Kroll reveals in "Sefer Hashomer," the second volume has just been published.

This subterranean store had to be constructed in the utmost secrecy. No one who was not immediately concerned with the project ever knew that anything was afoot. Only Kroll and the men who were selected to draw up the plan and to execute it knew the site of the cache.

For the first few weeks, everything proceeded according to plan. The two workers selected to carry out their regular farm work in the daytime and at night they slowly sank a pit into the rocky ground, working regularly until 3 o'clock in the morning. Soon, the fatigue and the fear of being found out by their comrades led the diggers to co-opt a third "conspirator," whose task it was partly to detect whether any suspicion had been aroused on the farm and partly to make sure that the diggers carried on their daily life and work.

Cut in Rock
At long last, the pit was two metres deep and 50 centimetres wide, and the workers began to excavate a three-metre-long passageway (50 centimetres by 50) that would lead to the magazine. The dimensions of the cache itself would depend, they felt, on the hardness of the rock, and the energy and ability of the workers.

That was when the first snag presented itself. When word was given to an excavator to stop work and come to the surface, he would faint upon coming in contact with the fresh air as a result of exposure to the gases which accumulated in the passage leading to the main store. Since there was no other choice, the workers had to apply to a qualified engineer who would show them how to make the suitable arrangements for ventilation. They found him in the person of Gedaliah Wilk, a brother of Mania Shochat (another veteran of Kfar Giladi) and he solved the problem quite satisfactorily by lowering a slow half a metre in diameter down the passage. The problem of lighting was solved by means of a battery. In the course of a few months, the storehouse—five metres by five in floor area and two metres

THIS WEEK...

Foreign Relations In the Security Council debate Great Britain, the U.S. and France scored Egypt's refusal to allow Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal. The Egyptian crew of the *Hot Gellin* were sent back to the Israeli-occupied border as the Egyptians offered to hand the ship to a foreign company. Summing up the Cairo show trial, the Egyptian prosecutor demanded the "severe punishment" for the 13 Jews charged. The Defence counsel had earlier charged that the defendants had been tortured. Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru expressed concern that Israel had been excluded from the coming Afro-Asian Conference at Jakarta.

Security The fortnightly supply convoy to Mt. Scopus was withdrawn when the Jordanians varied the normal search procedure. All company officers in the Regular Army will now have to pass a parachuting course. The Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Aluf Dayan, was his paratrooper's wings. Rabbi Avraham Haim was again arrested for demonstrating outside the Jerusalem Working Mothers Club for Children.

Development State housing will in future be provided only in the far north, and south of Beer-sheva. Work was begun on a tunnel in Galle, the first stage in the Jordan Water Project to the Negev.

Labour Histadrut enterprises have been committed to lowering retail prices this year. Employees of the President Hotel in Jerusalem about to go on strike for unpaid wages came out when the hotel owner allegedly laid hands on the headwaiters.

Jewish Agency Traces Missing Persons

By M. HARKIN

THE largest Search Bureau for Missing Persons in the world is housed in a small basement room of the Jewish Agency, in Jerusalem, where the three men who spend their time riffling through the 2,500,000 cards which line the walls as they work and in the dramatic remission of families and lost loved ones, in the tragic certainty of a death-camp register.

The group, headed by Mr. Israel Ziman, tries to pinpoint the last-known whereabouts of persons who were either swallowed up in the Hitlerian holocaust or who escaped under false names and are scattered throughout the world.

Requests come from every corner of the globe, including Russia, and in all languages. The three searchers command 11 languages between them: Hebrew, Russian, English, French, German, Polish, Czech and Hungarian. The search is undertaken in countries, except Russia and the Eastern bloc, through Zionist and Jewish organizations, and locally in Israel through Kfar Yisrael, the Government Registration of Inhabitants Office, and the Landsmanschaft groups.

Daily Requests
Forty to fifty requests are received daily. A personal file for each is added to the list, which now includes more than 120,000 such files, 65 per cent of which bear a notation that the search has ended successfully.

Many of the searches, however, end in a blank wall for the searchers. A notation: "Anaschitz, Bergeisen, or Treblinka. But the trail of many other persons begins in the war and ends happily. It is with these cases that the three men feel a personal achievement and full participation in the drama which unfolds before their eyes as the result of their efforts. For example, take the case where a ten-year-old girl was united with her father. In September, 1953, the girl, a girl of Beit Shimon, Miriam, asked the Bureau to locate her father. She gave them only two details to start with: that when she was a girl of five he had visited her in an orphanage in Poland, and that the belief in his name was either Yankowski or Yankovsk, (a pseudonym is used in this article). The Bureau, which has been searching in Israel, applied to the Registration Office, several Landsmanschaft groups and Kfar Yisrael. The Bureau replied in the negative. However, the father, living in Tel Aviv, heard the broadcast and immediately contacted the Bureau. After the facts were carefully checked, for an error might cause immeasurable heartbreak, the father was informed that his daughter was alive and well.

Mr. Ziman personally went to Tel Aviv to see why the Registration Office there had no record of the man. It soon became apparent that he was, in fact, registered but under the name of Yankowski. Such cases are legion at the Bureau.

Through long practice, the Bureau members have developed a veritable seventh sense in perceiving all the possible misinterpretations of names, and a seventh sense in tracing, and in running down the various versions of names. Asked to find Robert Gardner, they will first check to see if there is a Robert Gardner, then all possible variations of this name: Gardner, Gardner, etc. Then, they will check the names of all the families of the name. Ganan Robert Ganan, and then Robert Gardner, and then Robert Gardner were born in the same city, on the same date, and have

the same parents. The search ends, not all the searches end so hopefully, nor do all the requests come from distressed parents.

In 1951, for example, the Ministry of Defence asked the Bureau to find a person who was known to be living in Kar-kur, near Hadera. A friend wrote, saying that he had been killed in action near Kfar Yisrael, and that he had been killed in battle in the Jerusalem Corridor.

End of a Search
No doubt could now exist but that he had died a hero's death. The search ended, then, by inscribing his name and the manner of his death, till then recorded only in the memories of his friends, on one of the monuments honouring the war dead.

The Bureau's budget does not permit personal visits, even within Jerusalem, so all the work is done through letters and phone calls.

And when the searches run into blank walls, and not even the faintest hope can be entertained that the missing person is alive, as many searches do, then the members of the Bureau take consolation in a thick file of letters of thanks from reunited families.

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Brown Bread Breads

British Bakers

BAKERS are complaining about their meagre profit margins in Britain too. They maintain that the 5s. profit (IL1.250) allowed on a sack of flour (120 kg.) is inadequate, and if they win their case, the price of bread in Britain may have to go up, for it is unlikely that the Government will be ready to increase its flour subsidy, which amounted to 40s. in 1953.

The plight of the British bakers is partly a result of the changes which have taken place in the consumption habits of the British public. White bread allows for bigger profit margins, but today of all breads baked in Britain less than three per cent is white. "National" bread, baked from flour with an extraction rate of 80 per cent, has been 50 much improved in the course of 12 years that few British housewives want white bread, although it costs only 40 per cent dearer than the "National" bread. Moreover, generally the consumption of bread has been declining since World War II, at other foodstuffs. It was 1945 able to over-weigh quantities and at cheaper prices.

The resulting squeeze has been most strongly felt by the smaller and less efficient bakeries. In 1945, some 50,000 bakeries were producing national bread. By 1955, the number had dropped to 14,000, and several hundred small bakeries have closed or been taken over by larger firms during the past two years.

Yesterday's Press

Election Reform Still Aim

COMMENTING on the renewal of agreement on the principle of collective responsibility of the coalition parties, "Hahaker" (General Zionist) dealing again with the issue, says that Egypt would probably not dare disobey the Security Council if there would be agreement in the U.N. as to how to react in violations of international law. The paper welcomes Israel's insistence on a clear-cut decision.

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Editor, The Jerusalem Post
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S.P.C.A.
Tel Aviv — Jaffa

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